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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6848 NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2008

BILL NUMBER: SB 194 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Veterans.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Wyss BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: This bill provides that the tuition and fee exemption for certain children of veterans and National Guard members is available only to an individual who: (1) is enrolled in an associate's degree program or the individual's first baccalaureate degree program; and (2) is a full-time student pursuing a prescribed course of study.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill could reduce the tuition and fee exemption for children of veterans and National Guard members.

<u>Background:</u> For FY 2007, there were 808 National Guard members receiving about \$2.5 M in benefits, and 42 were part-time students receiving about \$95,000 in benefits. It is unknown the number that might be receiving a second degree.

For FY 2007, there were about 5,035 children of veterans receiving about \$17.1 M in tuition and fee exemption benefits. It is unknown how many of these students were part-time or in an appropriate degree program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Student Assistance Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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